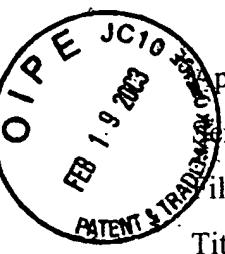


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated November 8, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 2, 4-6, 8, 18, 21, 22, 29, and 30 with their corresponding claims in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of the Amended Claims." The replacement claims are intended to reflect the specific amendments as detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

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1. (Cancelled) A method including:
detecting a thoracic impedance signal associated with a portion of a subject's thorax; and
providing a therapy to the subject's heart based at least in part on the detected thoracic impedance.
2. (Amended) A method including:
detecting a thoracic impedance signal associated with a portion of a subject's thorax; and
providing a therapy to the subject's heart based at least in part on a baseline portion of the
detected thoracic impedance [The method of claim 1, in which providing the therapy to the subject's heart is based at least in part on the detected thoracic impedance] associated with a fluid shift away from the thorax.

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